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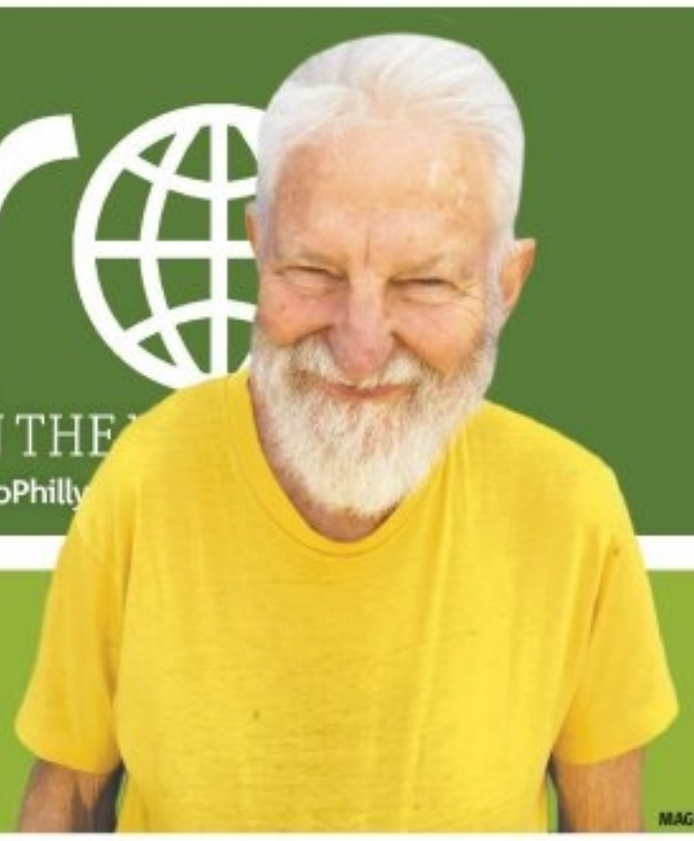

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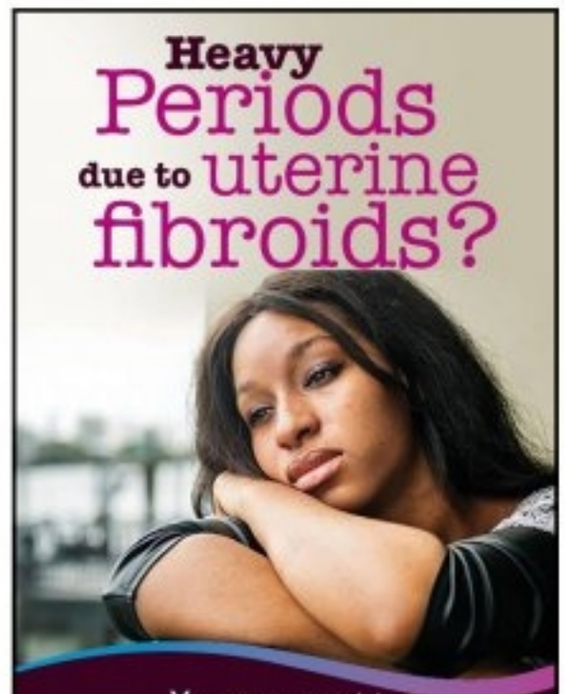

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Actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin were among 50 charged in a $25 million college admissions scam which involved bribes and faces photoshopped onto athletes' bodies. 3

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8 THINGS TO KNOW

Track star Usain Blot unveils his new 'Bolt Mobility' personal electric scooter

Electric scooters are still not street-legal in NYC and Philly.

Track star and new Bolt pitchman Usain Bolt poses for photos with a Bolt Mobility scooter outside of New York City Hall following a press conference about the new product on March 12, 2019, in New York City. Electric scooters are still not street-legal in New York City and Philadelphia, but transportation advocates and lobbyists are encouraging the push toward legalization and regulation. Bolt, a Miami-based startup, joins a crowded field of competitors in the United States, including Bird Scooters, Lime Scooters and Lyft Scooters.

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ESPN to launch collegiate video game championship

2 ESPN will hold its first-ever college championship for competitive video gaming later this year, the TV sports network said on Tuesday, a high-profile esports event aimed at younger fans who spend more time with game controllers than baseball bats or hockey sticks. ESPN Events, a unit of Walt Disney Co.'s cable sports network that also produces a lineup of other sports events such as the Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl, will produce the Collegiate Esports Championship (CEC). The showdown will be held in Houston at Comicpalooza at the George R. Brown Convention Center in May. Players will compete in five games: "Overwatch," "Hearthstone," "StarCraft II," "Heroes of the Storm" and "Street Fighter V: Arcade Edition." As professional esports tournaments have expanded in the last couple of years, so too have college-level games.

NBA probing Westbrook dispute with Jazz fan

3 Oklahoma City star Russell Westbrook said he was verbally provoked before directing a profanity-laced tirade at a fan during the Thunder's 98-89 win over the Utah Jazz on Monday in Salt Lake City. A reporter from the Deseret News tweeted a video of Westbrook's comments to the fan. "I promise you," Westbrook said to the fan. "You think I'm playing. I swear to God. I swear to God. I'll [expletive] you up, you and your wife. I'll [expletive] you up." After the game, Westbrook gave his explanation: "How it started was, a young man and his wife in the stands told me 'to get down on my knees like you used to.' To me, that's just completely disrespectful. To me, I think it's racial, and I think it's inappropriate and insensitive. ... If I had it to do over again, I would say the exact same thing. I truly will stand up for myself and my family."

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Huffman, Loughlin part of $25M admissions scam

Federal prosecutors in Boston say up to 50 people fraudulently got their children into elite colleges.

Hollywood actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin were among 50 people charged by U.S. federal prosecutors on Tuesday in a $25 million scheme to help wealthy Americans cheat their children's way into elite universities, such as Yale and Stanford.

Federal prosecutors in Boston charged William "Rick" Singer, 58, with running the racketeering scheme through his Edge College & Career Network. His network served a roster of clients including actresses and chief executives.

Prosecutors said Singer's operation arranged for fake testers to take college admissions exams in place of his clients' children, and also bribed coaches to give admissions slots meant to be reserved for recruited athletes even if the applicants had no athletic ability.

Parents paid tens of thousands of dollars for his services, which were masked as charitable contributions, prosecutors said.

Singer is scheduled to plead guilty on Tuesday in Boston federal court to charges including racketeering, money laundering and obstruction of justice, according to court papers. He could not be reached for immediate comment.

Some 33 parents were charged, as well as 13 coaches and associates of Singer's business. Huffman and Loughlin were not immediately available for comment.

On a call with a wealthy parent, prosecutors said, Singer summed up his business thusly: "What we do is help the wealthiest families in the U.S. get their kids into school ... my families want a guarantee."

The scheme began in 2011, prosecutors said, and also helped children get into the University of Texas, Georgetown University, the University of Southern California and UCLA.

Part of the scheme involved advising parents to pretend to test administrators that their child had learning disabilities that allowed them extended time to take the exam.

The parents were then advised to choose one of two test centers that Singer's company said they have control over: one in Houston, Texas, and the other in West Hollywood, California.

The test administrators in the those centers took bribes to allow Singer's clients to cheat, often by arranging to have a student's wrong answers corrected after completing the exam or having another person take the exam.

In many cases, the students were not aware that their parents had arranged for the cheating, prosecutors said.

John Vandemoor, a former Stanford University sailing coach, is also scheduled to plead guilty to racketeering conspiracy charges.

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Sens. on board with halting Boeing 737 MAX flights like EU

Trump said that planes need to be piloted by "computer scientists from MIT."

The European Union's aviation safety regulator on Tuesday suspended all flights in the bloc by the Boeing 737 MAX, and the U.S. senator who chairs a panel overseeing aviation suggested the United States take similar action following a crash in Ethiopia that killed 157 people.

Britain, Germany and France joined a wave of suspensions of the aircraft in the wake of Sunday's crash, and were swiftly followed by a similar decision by India, piling pressure on the United States to follow suit.

Boeing, the world's biggest planemaker, which has seen billions of dollars wiped off its market value following the crash, said it understood the countries' actions but retained "full confidence" in the 737 MAX and had safety as its priority.

It also said the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) had not demanded any further action related to 737 MAX operations.

The cause of the crash, which followed another disaster with a 737 MAX five months ago in Indonesia that killed 189 people, remains unknown.

The United States has said it remains safe to fly the planes but U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican who chairs the Senate subcommittee on aviation and space, said on Tuesday it would be "prudent" for the United States "to temporarily ground 737 MAX aircraft until the FAA confirms the safety of these aircraft and their passengers."

Cruz said he intends to convene a hearing to investigate the crashes.

Two other senators, Republican Mitt Romney and Democrat Elizabeth Warren, called on the FAA to temporarily ground the 737 MAX.

President Donald Trump also fretted over modern airplane design.

"Pilots are no longer needed, but rather computer scientists from MIT," Trump tweeted, lamenting that product developers always sought to go an unnecessary step further when "old and simpler" was superior.

"I don't know about you, but I don't want Albert Einstein to be my pilot. I want great flying professionals that are allowed to easily and quickly take control of a plane!" he added.

He did not refer to Boeing or recent accidents, but his comments echoed an automation debate that partially lies at the center of a probe into October's Lion Air crash in Indonesia. Investigators are examining the role of a software system designed to push the plane down, alongside airline training and repair standards.

Boeing says it plans to update the software in coming weeks.

Trump, concerned about the Ethiopia crash, spoke to Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg on Tuesday and received assurances that the aircraft was safe, two people briefed on the call said.

China, Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, Malaysia and others have also temporarily suspended the 737 MAX.

The decision by some countries to ban not only arrivals and departures but flights crossing through their airspace surprised some regulatory sources even in regions banning the plane, since overflights are usually protected by international law.

VICTIMS FROM 30 NATIONS

Given problems of identification at the charred disaster site, Ethiopian Airlines said it would take at least five days to start handing remains to families.

The victims came from more than 30 different nations, and included nearly two dozen U.N. staff.

"We are Muslim and have to bury our deceased immediately," Noordin Mohamed, a 27-year-old Kenyan businessman whose brother and mother died, told Reuters.

"Losing a brother and mother in the same day and not having their bodies to bury is very painful," he said in the Kenyan capital Nairobi, where the plane had been due. REUTERS

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As Trump blamed for blackout, Venezuela boots US diplomats

Venezuela ordered American diplomats to leave the country within 72 hours on Tuesday after President Nicolas Maduro accused U.S. counterpart Donald Trump of cyber "sabotage" that plunged the OPEC nation into its worst blackout on record.

Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza said U.S. diplomats on Venezuelan soil must leave within three days, after talks broke down over maintaining diplomatic "interest sections" in the two countries.

"The presence on Venezuelan soil of these officials represents a risk for the peace, unity and stability of the country," the government said in a statement.

The U.S. State Department had announced on Monday it will withdraw its staff from Venezuela this week, saying their presence had become "a constraint on U.S. policy."

Washington has taken the lead in recognizing opposition leader Juan Guaido as Venezuela's rightful president after the 35-year-old congress chief announced an interim presidency in January after declaring Maduro's 2018 re-election a fraud. Most countries in Europe and Latin America have followed suit.

Maduro, who retains control of the military and other state institutions as well as the backing of Russia and China, has denounced Guaido as a puppet of the United States.

Julio Castro, of nongovernmental organization Doctors for Health, said on Twitter on Monday night that 24 people had died in public hospitals since the start of the blackout.

With the blackout in its sixth day, hospitals struggled to keep equipment running; food rotted in the tropical heat; and exports from the country's main oil terminal were shut down.

"Donald Trump is most responsible for the cyberattack on the Venezuelan electricity system."
President Nicolas Maduro

Venezuela's opposition-controlled congress on Monday declared a symbolic "state of alarm."

Power returned to many parts of the country on Tuesday, including some areas that had not had electricity since last Thursday, according to witnesses and social media.

But power was still out in parts of the capital of Caracas and the western region near the border with Colombia.

Maduro blamed Washington for organizing what he said was a sophisticated cyberattack on Venezuela's hydroelectric power operations.

"Donald Trump is most responsible for the cyberattack on the Venezuelan electricity system," Maduro said in a broadcast from the Miraflores presidential palace on Monday night.

"This is a technology that only the government of the United States possesses."

Maduro, elected in 2013 following the death of his political mentor Hugo Chavez, officially broke diplomatic relations with the United States on Jan. 23 when it recognized Guaido. Washington evacuated most of its diplomatic staff two days later.

The blackout was likely caused by a technical problem with transmission lines linking the Guri hydroelectric plant in southeastern Venezuela to the national power grid, experts told Reuters.

Venezuela's electricity network has suffered from years of underinvestment and lack of maintenance. With the economy in a tailspin, spare parts are scarce while many skilled technical staff have fled the country amid an exodus of more than three million Venezuelans in three years.

The government suspended schools and business activities on Tuesday for two more days, after doing so on Friday and Monday.

Guaido planned to lead national protests over the blackout in Caracas on Tuesday afternoon.

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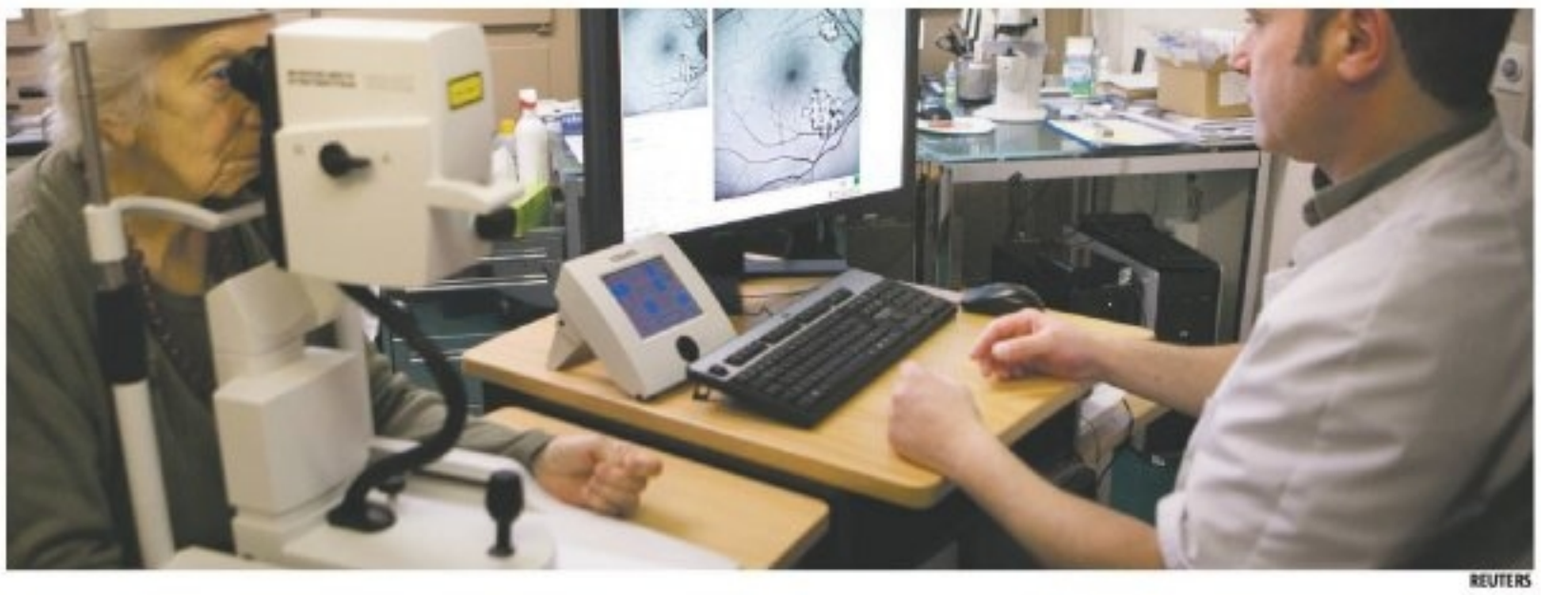

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Eye exam detects signs of Alzheimer's disease

Using an ultrasensitive scanning technique, researchers at Duke University can detect signs of the disease in the back of the eye.

Using an ultrasensitive scanning technique, researchers can detect signs of Alzheimer's disease in the tiny blood vessels at the back of the eye, according to a new report.

Duke University researchers found that these small retinal blood vessels were altered in patients with Alzheimer's disease, but in not in those with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or those with no signs of mental decline.

"Among the folks who had Alzheimer's there was a significant reduction in the density of the blood vessels in the superficial layer of the retina."
Dr. Dilraj Grewal

"Among the folks who had Alzheimer's there was a significant reduction in the density of the blood vessels in the superficial layer of the retina compared to controls and those with mild cognitive impairment," said Dr. Dilraj Grewal, an associate professor of ophthalmology at the Duke Eye Center. "We also found a reduction in the thickness of [a specific layer of the retina] in Alzheimer's patients compared to controls and those with mild cognitive impairment."

The findings were reported in Ophthalmology Retina, a publication of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

"The retina is an extension of the brain," Grewal said. "And it's thought that changes that occur in the brain are mirrored in the retina. With any neurodegenerative disease you lose nerve tissue. Along with a measurable loss of brain volume, there's a loss of the vasculature that supplies the brain. And because the retina is part of the central nervous system, the same changes occur there."

The new findings couldn't have happened without a new scanning technology, called optical coherence tomography angiography (OCTA), that allows users to see in fine detail the structure of the back part of the eye. "With previous technology you were able to measure only the larger blood vessels in the back of the eye," Grewal said. "Now we can look at blood vessels that are at the level of capillaries in the different layers of the retina. Therefore we are able to detect much smaller levels of change."

Grewal and his colleagues used OCTA to peer into the eyes of 39 Alzheimer's patients, 37 people with MCI and 133 cognitively healthy people, the controls. Not only were the researchers able to detect differences between the Alzheimer's patients and the other two groups, but they were also able to see differences among the Alzheimer's patients that appeared to be linked with the severity of the disease.

"The differences were proportional to the severity of the cognitive impairment," Grewal said. "So, the folks with more severe Alzheimer's had more severe loss of retinal blood vessels."

In the past, some small studies have suggested that there'd be differences "in both neuronal and microvascular retinal measures between those with and those without Alzheimer's disease," said Alison Abraham, an associate professor of ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. "The current study gives weight to these past findings and informs our targets for future research given the large number of possible retinal parameters one could study." REUTERS

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Painting sow 'Pigcasso' hogs the limelight at South Africa farm

Step aside, Francis Bacon.

Brandishing a paintbrush in her snout, "Pigcasso" enthusiastically tosses her head to create bright, bold strokes across a canvas propped up in her sty.

The sow was rescued from an abattoir as a piglet and brought to an animal sanctuary in Franschhoek, in South Africa's Western Cape region in 2016, where her new owners noticed her love of color and paintbrushes.

"Pigs are very smart animals and so when I brought Pigcasso here to the barn, I thought, how do I keep her entertained?" said Joanne Lefson, who runs Farm Sanctuary SA.

"We threw in some soccer balls, rugby balls and of course there were some paintbrushes lying around because the barn was newly built. ... She basically ate or destroyed everything except these paintbrushes ... she loved them so much," Lefson added.

Soon the pig was dipping the brushes into pots of paint and making her mark. Her paintings can sell for almost $4,000, with the proceeds going to animal welfare.

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She has even had one of her artworks turned into a watch face for Swiss watchmaker Swatch.

Swatch announced a collaboration with the pig last month.

The limited edition "Flying Pig by Ms. Pigcasso" features green, blue and pink brushstrokes and sells for $120.

"Pigcasso is definitely an abstract expressionist. You can't exactly define what she's painting but I can tell you that her style slightly changes depending on her mood, like any great artist," said Lefson. REUTERS

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STUDENT LOANS
My college days were some of the best days of my entire life. I met some of my best friends that I still have today and learned some amazing things. But, sometimes it feels like how much money I pay in student loans every month isn't really worth what my degree has amounted to in the years since I graduated. Plus, there were (still are) so many years where I felt like I was figuring out how to get the career I wanted and how I would be able to pay those insane monthly student loans. I'm still amazed that I still have interest on my loans after years of scheduling payments. I guess I shouldn't complain that much. It just seems like something I didn't know I was bargaining for?

— **Jarred Ek**, *Metro New York reader*

GUITAR STORES
Does anyone else feel super uncomfortable in guitar stores? First of all, why do people just go there to show off their shredding skills? I also feel like guitar store clerks can smell your insecurities on you. They can instantly tell if you barely know anything about the instrument you want to try out and let you know that you are not worthy with their scowls. It almost makes you want to just ... you know ... buy something online!!!!

Grant, *Metro US reader*

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Aries Look beyond what's right in front of you to get a different perspective on what's actually happening. Silence is golden and will help prevent an argument.

Taurus You'll get all the help you need if you ask for it. Don't be so stubborn that you miss out on something that can lead to excellent connections. Put your emotions on the sideline.

Gemini Focus on what you can do to achieve personal growth, inner strength and steady progress. Tamping down extravagant behavior is a good place to start.

Cancer An interesting concept will encourage you to change the way you do things. Take a close look at your finances and contracts, and make some adjustments.

Leo Interact with people who love to talk. Listen to what they say and assess what's useable. A romantic gesture will help you establish better relations with a loved one.

Virgo Get involved in activities and events that are geared toward learning information that could be useful to you moving forward.

Libra Explore possibilities and sign up for talks or speak to an expert. The more you know, the easier it will be to assess situations and make better choices.

Scorpio Dreams can come true if you work hard and do the right things. First of all, be reasonable, and secondly, take care of anything that might stand in your way before you begin.

Sagittarius Your emotions will cloud your vision. Someone will tell you what you want to hear instead of being truthful. Do some soul-searching before you commit to anything or anyone.

Capricorn It's time to make some changes that will improve your life. Try to find ways to spend more time working on projects that you enjoy.

Aquarius Relaxing at home with a loved one or clearing a space to start a new project will give you the incentive to pursue a dream.

Pisces A former co-worker will give you a lead that looks promising. A change of attitude will open up doors that were closed in the past. EUGENIA LAST

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When it comes to seeking out therapy, research suggests that men aren't as quick to ask for help. Metro had a chat with PhIIRST's Christopher Wilson, Ph.D., LMFT about why it's so important for men to break free from the stereotypes.

What are some stereotypes around men and therapy? One of the biggest, and there is some truth to this in terms of statistics, is that men don't seek out therapy as often as women do. Often times, this is because they're being told by society at large that they're not supposed to want to talk to people about their feelings and process these issues. It sends the message to men that the only acceptable emotions they can kind of allow is anger and frustration. Anything else is viewed as a wasted emotion that needs to be shoved down.

What I usually find working with men, whether they're heterosexual-identified, gay-identified, cisgender or transgender, is that most at some level have had some socialization around holding back their emotions. As a male clinician, I find it really useful to create a space where men can communicate with another man about what it is to feel and recognize things, and what it is to explore how to cry in front of another man. That can be really challenging for a lot of my clients. They're often afraid and will wait weeks or months before they finally open up in that regard because it's so scary for them to break this taboo around emotions.

Does this go hand in hand with toxic masculinity? I'm not a huge fan of that term because often times it actually puts men on the defensive. Instead of bringing men into the conversation, it's actually pushing them away. They're hearing that the value they've been told to hold onto their entire life—of being a masculine person—is toxic. Most of them don't really understand the nuances of what that phrase really means, and what they're hearing is that masculinity equals bad. Meanwhile, they've been told their whole life that masculinity is good, so now there's this weird conflict. I think it's much more useful if we talk to men about how they themselves have experienced what it's like to be raised in a masculine culture. What lessons have they learned, both positive and negative? How have the negative aspects hurt them?

What types of issues are most of your male patients facing? When men come to see me individually, more often than not, it's one of two areas. They're either experiencing some type of sexual dysfunction issue, like erectile difficulty, premature ejaculation or inability to orgasm, or they're having some sort of anxiety around intimacy, whether it be having sexual relationships or building relationships with romantic partners. I help men process issues around sexual orientation, as well. I also see men who are in relationships, both homosexual and heterosexual.

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LIFESTYLE

The man who started the magic

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens is honoring creator Isaiah Zagar this week.

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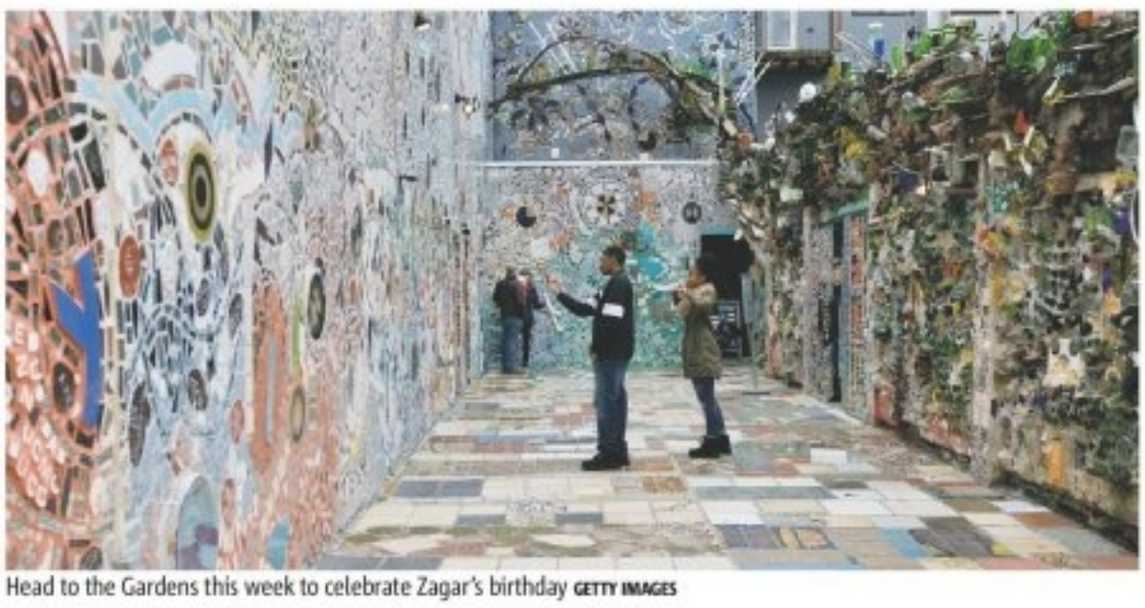

Head to the Gardens this week to celebrate Zagar's birthday GETTY IMAGES

When you walk around Philadelphia, especially South Philly, you can find strips of gorgeous public art illuminated with mosaics.

Most people who see the curiously placed mosaics stop and admire them for a bit, and others who pass by the works of art every day still have their head turn — especially when the sun hits the designs in just the right way.

Those gorgeous works of art are from Philadelphia's Magic Gardens creator Isaiah Zagar, whose birthday is this month. To celebrate, the PMG is honoring Zagar with a special event Monday, March 18.

Zagar came to the City of Brotherly Love in the late 1960s and began what would be called the "South Street Renaissance." Zagar and his wife helped kickstart the revitalization of the area by reinvigorating dilapidated buildings and adding colorful mosaics on both private and public walls.

Over the years, Zagar continued to showcase his work in vacant lots on South Street near his studio. In 2004, the owner of the lots Zagar was working in decided to sell the land and ultimately dismantle the work. Instead of allowing his work to be destroyed, Zagar and the community helped save the works of art, and the preserved area became Philadelphia's Magic Gardens.

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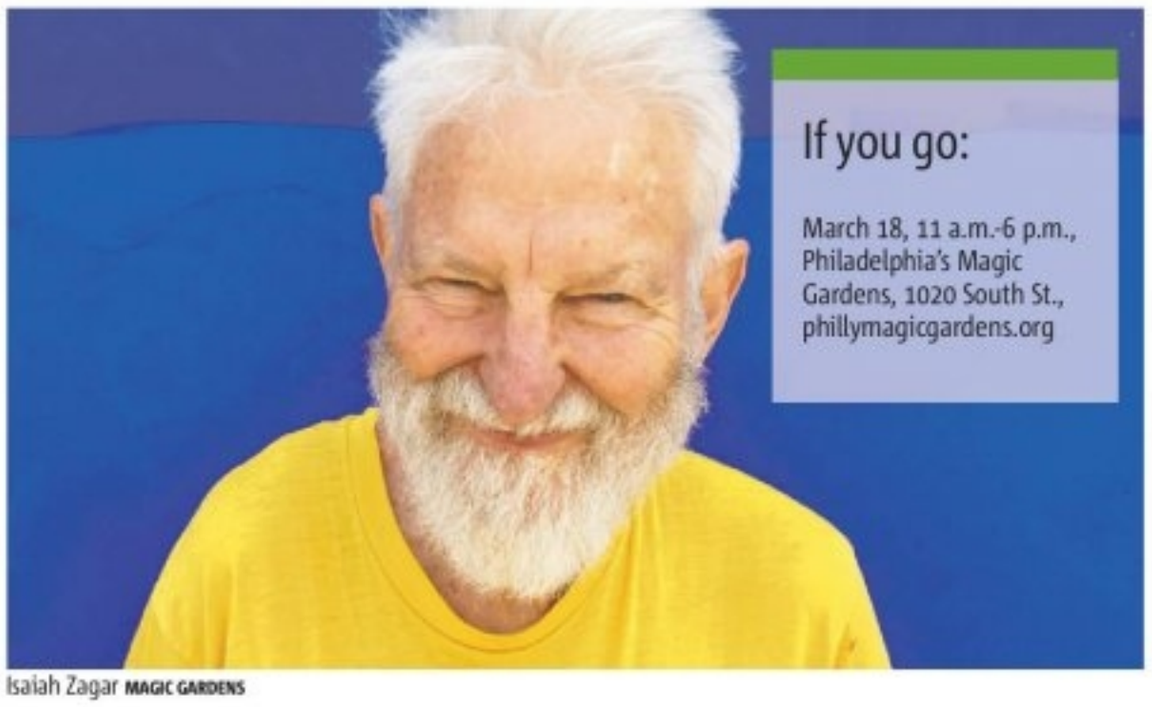

Isaiah Zagar MAGIC GARDENS

If you go:

March 18, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, 1020 South St., phillymagicgardens.org

Now the immersive mixed-media art environment is completely covered with intricate mosaics made from handmade tiles, bottles, bicycle wheels, mirrors and international folk art. The Magic Gardens have been open to the public since 2008, and folks from around the country and world have flocked to the space to admire Zagar's masterpieces.

The Gardens are honoring the man who started it all for his 80th birthday with a party on the 18th and some fun celebrations throughout this week.

Visitors can head to the Gardens this week to sign Zagar's giant birthday card. On Monday the 18th, the Gardens will be serving up cake to celebrate and PMG will also be raffling off an original Zagar mosaic while also hosting Golden Sunrise NYA Captain Michael Carwile and his spectacular mosaic-ed Mummer's costume from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Some may have caught Carwile's magnificent suit at the 2019 Philadelphia Mummers Parade where the 75-pound piece was debuted.

If you want to honor Zagar and the gorgeous Magic Gardens, head there this week and next Monday to show your support, appreciation and admiration for the artist who inspired many with his meaningful work.

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It comes in all colors, matching with pieces from other collections and even with suits. It can be hard in the assembly, but creates a much more varied silhouette. This was seen, for example, with Cushnie, Zimmermann, Philip Lim and Sies Marjan, who, like Alexander McQueen, took more risks.

How to use it?

We already know that a leather jacket is a basic element of an outfit, but don't be afraid to take risks. Use more elaborate pieces out of the ordinary, such as pleated leather skirts, leather tops, leather dresses in another color, and other textures.

4 FASHION MONTH TRENDS ADAPTED TO YOUR WARDROBE

LUZ LANCHEROS | METRO WORLD NEWS
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Metro examines how new materials can be converted into useful and versatile garments. Fashion Month is over, and there were many Autumn/Winter 2019 trends highlighted on the catwalks in the big fashion cities of the industry. Many of them are a variation of those that prevailed in seasons past, while others seek to reinvent themselves through traditional textures of this season; for example, text and animal prints. Metro investigates how to apply new trends and improve your own style.

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BRIGHT NEON

Fluorine and its variants of yellow-green have been unforgettable for two seasons. They come in reflective materials, like with Marine Serre's pieces, or even glow in the dark, as shown by Yves Saint Laurent. Balenciaga showed oversized pieces and also complements of this color, while Issey Miyake went with lively contrasts of violet.

How to use it?

You can find it in prints, as Gucci and Zara have done, or accessories such as bags and shoes. This color speaks for itself, so there is no need to put something that visually clashes with it.

FEATHER FEAST

This material is usually seen in haute couture pieces and at more artistic parades. But Erdem, Mary Katrantzou and Roksanda created colorful pieces as a perfect complement in romantic tones.

PATCHWORK, REINVENTED

It is not the treatment of the textile in its traditional meaning (to cut and paste in a rustic way). This year, it's made with leather and metallic, like Michael Kors and his progressive style of fitting and tailoring, or in Mondrian colors, like at Eckhaus Latta.

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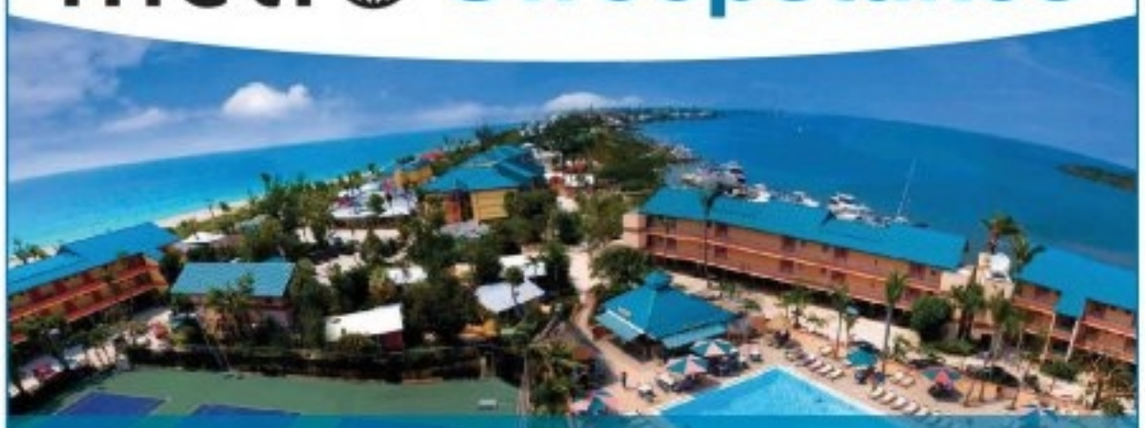

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Temple with 10-1 odds to win AAC tourney

The Owls have already beaten the overwhelming favorite, Houston, this season.

MATT BURKE

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

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The 2019 American Athletic Conference men's basketball tournament kicks off on Thursday with four games.

Houston is easily the favorite to capture the crown in Memphis as it looks like one of the top teams in the country. The Cougars currently rank 11th in the AP Top 25 poll and ESPN's Joe Lunardi projects them as a 3 seed in the Big Dance. Like with all top-tier teams in the nation, however, the conference tournament is often viewed as a glorified warm-up for the real deal. That opens the door for hungrier teams who desperately need conference tournament wins to make the field of 68.

Temple is actually a decent bet in this tournament at 10-1 given that they have a first-round bye. Memphis, which has higher odds at 6-1, actually has to play on Thursday, unlike the Owls, who will start up on Friday night.

The Owls need to at least win on Friday night to shore up a spot in the big tournament as Lunardi currently has them as one of the last four bye teams in the Big Dance and as an 11 seed.

In the ACC tourney, Temple will get the winner of Wichita State and ECU in the quarterfinals on Friday. The Owls won at Wichita State in overtime back on Jan. 6 and took down East Carolina on the road on Jan. 16.

TWEET OF THE DAY

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@TheCousinSal

If there's a line on a Big East team not making it to the first weekend of the tournament, I'm jumping on it. #BigYeastInfection

Temple is also one of two teams this season to have beaten Houston as Quinton Rose pumped in 22 points in a 73-69 home victory back on Jan. 9.

Here are the AAC tournament odds:

Houston 7/5
Cincinnati 5/2
UCF: 4-1
Memphis 6-1
Temple: 10-1
Wichita State: 25-1
South Florida: 50-1
SMU: 50-1
Tulsa: 60-1
UConn: 60-1
East Carolina: 200-1
Tulane: 300-1

Sports betting 101: What are futures?

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While moneylines, point spreads, and totals generally focus on the short term and specific matches, futures are long-term betting odds. They focus on events that will happen further down the line — in the future. In this case, you're betting on things like who will win a division or who will win a championship well in advance.

There are some benefits and some risks associated with betting on futures. If you win, you can earn a hefty payout. On the flip side, however, your money is locked up for a long period of time. During that time, a lot of things can go wrong. If you bet on a particular team to win the championship and one of their star players is injured, suddenly their prospects of winning do not look quite as good. Sometimes, the team may just hit a slump partway through the season and lose a lot of valuable momentum. Just like with all betting, it's important to calculate the risks and possible rewards.

In this kind of bet, the odds are set at the beginning of the season, but they can go up or down as time goes on. Once you make your bet, however, it is locked in at whatever the odds were at the time you placed the bet. This is why making a bet on a long shot early on can bring a potentially substantial payoff. At the beginning of the season, it isn't entirely clear how well the team will do over the season, and so the odds are longer, offering higher rewards. If, over the course of the season, though, a team is showing that they've got a good chance of winning, the odds for them improve, the risk goes down, and the payoff gets smaller. Choosing exactly when to make this sort of bet is important.

Betting trends

Preview: Golden State Warriors vs. Houston Rockets

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 P.M.

45-21	Overall record	42-25
26-39-1	ATS record	31-34-2
33-33-0	O/U record	35-31-1
21-11	Away/home	18-14
4-6	L10	9-1
2-8 ATS in L10 after ATS loss	Betting trend	4-1 ATS in L5 after win
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O/U: Over/under. L10 = Last 10 games. ATS = Against the spread.

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Breaking down a juicy basketball Wednesday

Conference tournament games aplenty.

College basketball's conference tournament smorgasbord is set to provide one of the busiest sports betting buffets of the entire calendar year. Five major conferences begin their events Wednesday. We start with the Big East, where slumping St. John's sits precariously on the Big Dance bubble.

No. 8 Providence vs. No. 9 Butler (FS1, 7 p.m.)

No. 7 St. John's vs. No. 10 DePaul (FS1, 9:30 p.m.)

In a matter of days, St. John's went from a likely 3 seed in the Big East tournament and a virtual lock for the NCAA's to being a huge question mark. The Red Storm finished the regular season with three straight losses, missing the point spread by 15.5 at home against Xavier, 11.5 at DePaul, and 11.5 at Xavier.

There's no margin for error in the competitive, and tightly bunched, Big East. That dropped them down to a No. 7 seed in the standings, which is backed up by final conference average margins.

Big East: Villanova +6.4, Marquette +4.2, Creighton +1.1, Seton Hall -0.5, Xavier -1.2, Georgetown -1.2, St. John's -1.6, Butler -2.1, DePaul -2.5, Providence -2.6.

As we mentioned last week, margin averages in conference play give you a great visualization of team quality expressed in POINTS because of similar schedule strengths. In the Big East, all teams played a full home and home round robin.

It's astounding to see a league where the WORST team has an average result of only -2.6. Bettors will be confronted with very tight point spreads all through this event, particularly because favorites Villanova (2-4 straight up and against the spread its last six games) and Marquette (0-4 SU and ATS its last four) ended the regular season in such unimpressive fashion. (Note that St. John's will get some market credit for home court advantage.)

Truly, ANYTHING could happen this week at the Garden.

Here's a quick look at regular-season margin averages in the other major conferences. Note that only the Big 12 played a double round robin.

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BIG 12 (KANSAS CITY): Texas Tech +9.3, Kansas State +6.1, Texas +2.3, Iowa State +2.2, Kansas +2.0, Baylor +1.9, TCU -3.1, Oklahoma -3.4, Oklahoma State -7.4, West Virginia -9.7.

BIG TEN (CHICAGO): Michigan State +10.6, Purdue +8.0, Michigan +7.3, Wisconsin +5.0, Maryland +2.7, Penn State -1.3, Iowa -1.6, Minnesota -2.0, Indiana -3.3, Illinois -3.9, Ohio State -4.0, Rutgers -5.5, Nebraska -5.8, Northwestern -6.4.

SEC (NASHVILLE): Tennessee +11.9, Kentucky +10.4, LSU +7.3, Auburn +5.0, Mississippi State +2.4, Florida +1.2, Ole Miss +1.1, South Carolina -1.1, Alabama -1.7, Arkansas -1.9, Missouri -4.9, Texas A&M -5.3. Georgia -10.8, Vanderbilt -13.3.

PAC 12 (LAS VEGAS): Washington +7.6, Oregon +3.9, Colorado +3.4, Arizona State +3.0, Utah +2.1, Oregon State +1.4, USC +1.3, Stanford +1.1, UCLA -1.2, Arizona -1.8, Washington State -9.5, California -11.2.

You'll likely notice that round-by-round point spreads are more consistent with those margin averages than they are with seeding. For example, South Carolina is a No. 4 seed in the SEC despite only having the eighth-best margin average. Betting markets won't price them as fourth-best.

Points are the coin of the realm when you're betting real money! JEFF FOGLE

Sports on TV Highlights

12:00 pm	**Men's CBB** Clemson vs. NC State	ESPN
7:00 pm	**NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets vs. Oklahoma City Thunder	ESPN
7:00 pm	**NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks vs. Toronto Maple Leafs	NBC Sports Network
7:00 pm	**Men's CBB** Oklahoma State vs. TCU	ESPNU
9:30 pm	**NBA Basketball** Golden State Warriors vs. Houston Rockets	ESPN
9:30 pm	**Men's CBB** West Virginia vs. Oklahoma	ESPNU

Warriors vs. Rockets betting preview

The Golden State Warriors and Houston Rockets will meet up tonight in a rematch of last year's thrilling Western Conference Finals. James Harden and the Rockets are currently surging, having rattled off nine straight wins while the Warriors have dropped six of their last 10 and look out of sorts.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr was recently caught on camera mouthing, "I'm so f—ing tired of Draymond's s—," and Kevin Durant seems like he has one foot out the door. Golden State will likely get it together in the playoffs and win it

all this spring, of course, but tonight's game at Houston has "L" written all over it.

This latest Rockets win streak actually began with a win over the Warriors in Oakland back on Feb. 23 and Houston did so without the services of its best player in Harden, who missed the game with a strained neck. Eric Gordon and Chris Paul outplayed Steph Curry and Klay Thompson in that one, and Harden will certainly be looking to establish himself as the best player on the floor tonight. "The Beard" did play in the two teams' first two meetings this season and averaged 35.5 points, both of which were Rockets wins.

The play: Rockets to win MATT BURKE

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Carson Wentz will have plenty to prove in 2019 as Nick Foles prepares for life in Jacksonville. GETTY IMAGES

Ready or not, Eagles all in on Wentz as Foles heads to JAX

With Nick Foles headed to Jacksonville today, Philly once again is Carson Wentz's city.

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Wednesday is only going to drive home the fact that the Philadelphia Eagles will be without Nick Foles.

The Super Bowl-winning quarterback, who delivered the team's first NFL title since 1960, will officially make his way to the Jacksonville Jaguars once free agency begins thanks to a massive four-year, $88 million reported contract.

While he'll be tasked to bring another NFL franchise its first-ever Lombardi Trophy, the Eagles are left in what seems to be capable hands. But there will be an understandable unease around the quarterback situation.

The decision to move on from Foles further confirmed that Carson Wentz is the golden boy in Philadelphia, an obvious realization considering the Eagles are on the cusp of going all in with the 26-year-old.

The No. 2 pick of the 2016 NFL Draft has shown that he can become an elite quarterback, especially over the past two seasons. He was an MVP favorite in 2017, going 11-2 as a starter with 3,296 yards and 33 touchdowns before a torn ACL ended his season in Week 13. It set the stage for Foles to come in and lead the Eagles to an unlikely Super Bowl LII victory over the New England Patriots.

After missing the first two weeks of the 2018 season to complete his recovery, Wentz put together just as impressive of a statistical season, completing a career-high 69.6 percent of his passes with 3,074 yards and 21 touchdowns. Once again, his season came to a premature end, this time in Week 14, after it was revealed he had a stress fracture in his back.

It's an alarming track record when it comes to health, especially when the decision to keep him as the No. 1 man under center means that they had to part ways with a quarterback built just as well for Doug Pederson's system in Foles.

General manager Howie Roseman looks as though he is doing everything possible to give Wentz the kind of support he needs to stay clicking — and most importantly, healthy — in the pocket.

Monday saw the Eagles re-sign All-Pro tackle Jason Peters to help with Wentz's protection while adding a much-needed deep threat on the outside in DeSean Jackson, a familiar face around Lincoln Financial Field. Jackson will add to Wentz's arsenal of weapons that is more effective than bountiful with Alshon Jeffery and tight end Zach Ertz.

The next course of action will be to bring on a legitimate No. 1 running back to provide Philadelphia's offense with a second versatile option. The trio of Wendell Smallwood, Corey Clement and Darren Sproles simply will not be enough to distract opposing defenses from making Wentz and the passing game a sole focus.

While that will be out of Wentz's control, the fourth-year quarterback will be keen on having a big year with the possibility of a new contract looming. He became eligible for a new deal on Dec. 31.

The Eagles will likely be looking to secure Wentz for the long haul in an attempt to double down on their decision to move forward with him. It could lead to a contract that eclipses the $100 million mark easily after seeing the likes of Jimmy Garoppolo receive a $137.5 million deal over five years.

In a perfect world, Wentz can replicate his numbers from the past two seasons, lead the Eagles back to the playoffs, and warrant a huge deal. But if yet another wrench is thrown into Wentz's trajectory, there will be plenty of Eagles fans who will start longing for the days of Foles — especially if they can't find a way to make it out of the NFC East and into the postseason.

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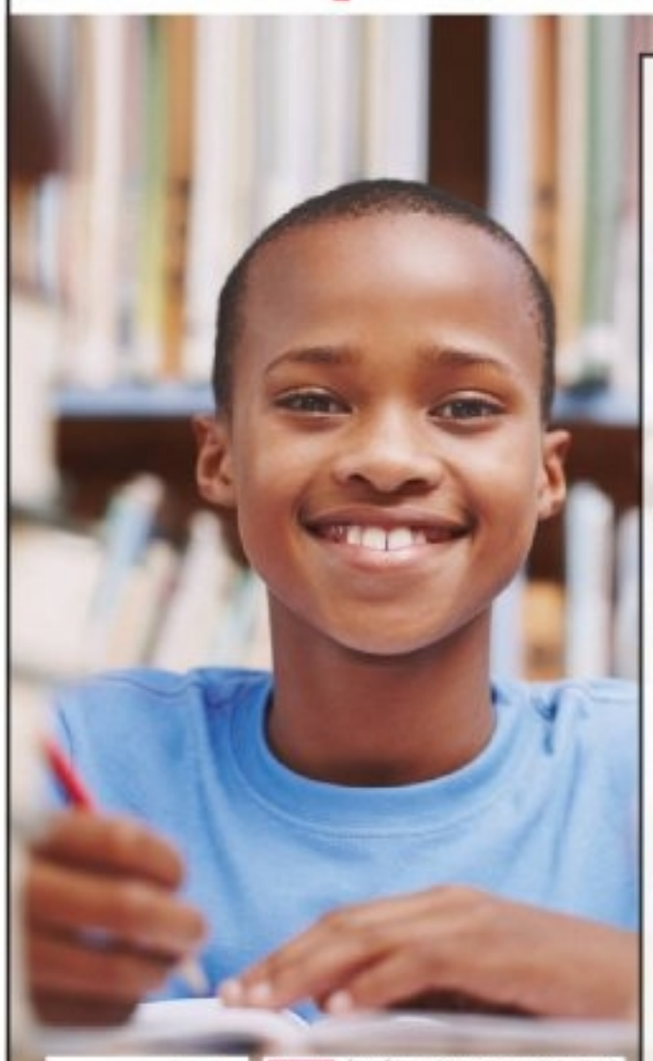

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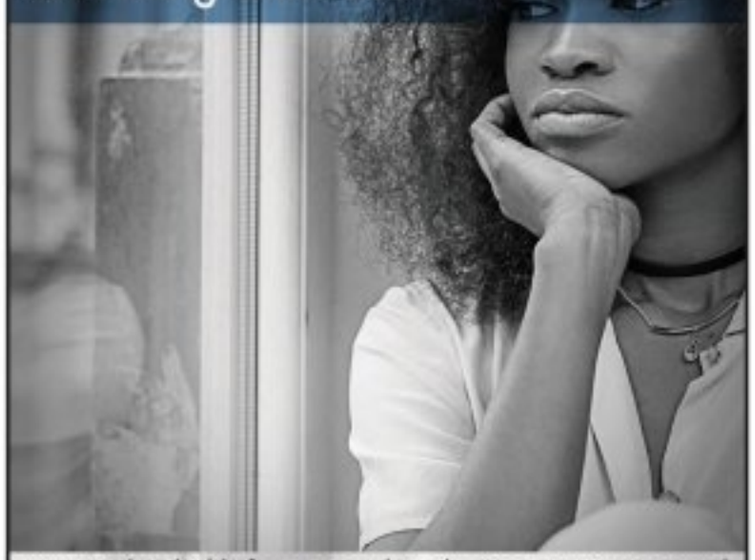

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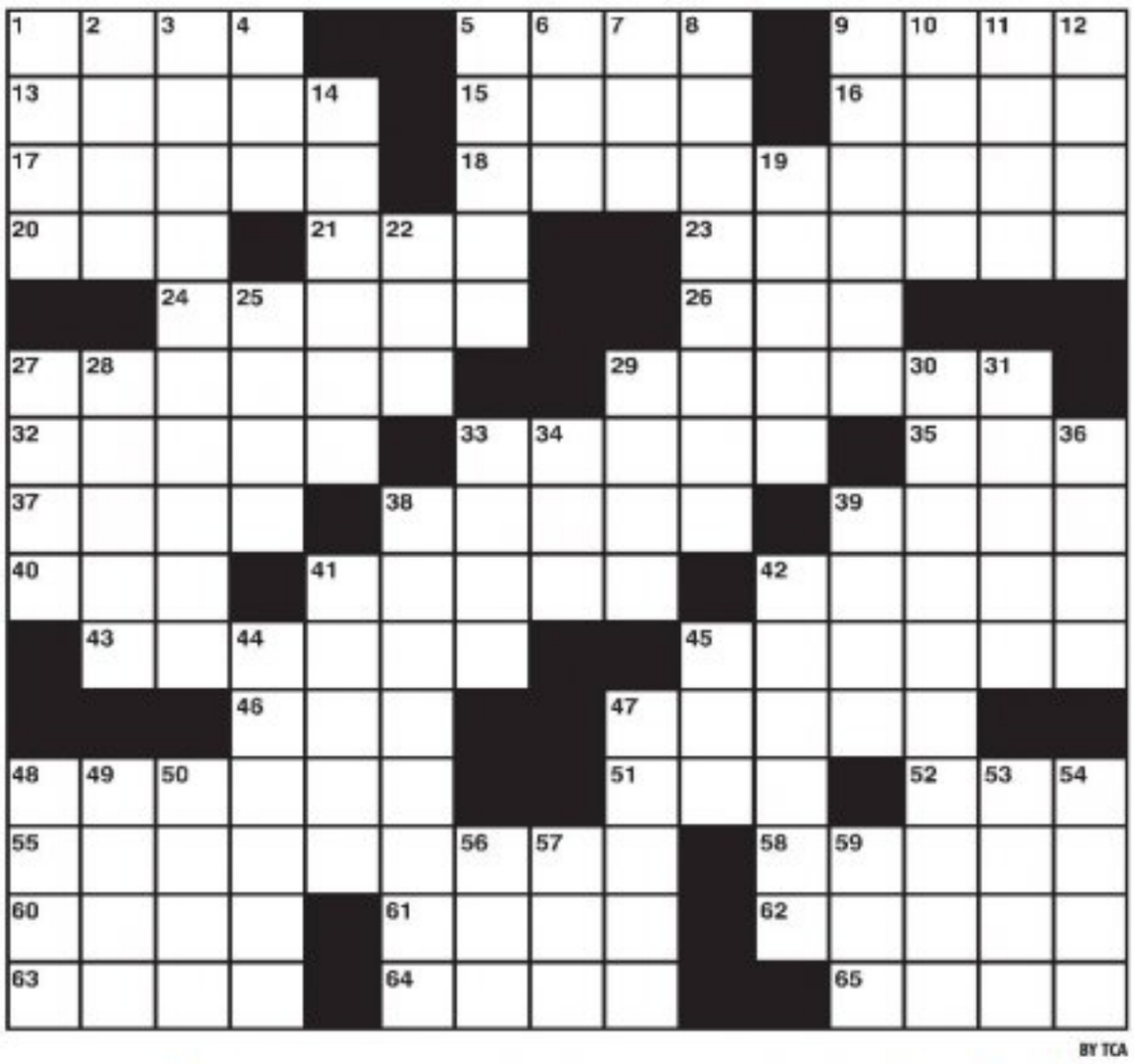

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9 Up in __; irate
13 Coffee sweetener
15 In __ of; as a substitute for
16 Ivory or Dial
17 Sudden increase
18 Make laws
20 Touch lightly
21 "Murder, __ Wrote"
23 __ up; joined forces
24 Prose writing
26 Cheap container
27 Boone or Day-Lewis
29 Stockholm's sea
32 Church table
33 Pile up
35 Short sleep
37 Slender
38 Means of travel
39 Office note
40 Egg producer
41 Storm & Gordon
42 Rescued
43 Almost
45 Dangers
46 Sinatra's third wife
47 Leigh or Jackson
48 Sudden
51 "Cat __ Hot Tin Roof"
52 Next month: abbr.
55 Undergarment
58 Put aside for now
60 Freeway division
61 Out of town
62 Actress Pompeo
63 Bacon accompaniment
64 "Why don't we!"
65 Chair or bench

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2 Greenish-blue
3 Paint thinner
4 Witchy woman
5 Narrow street
6 Commit perjury
7 Calf's place
8 Valise
9 Tilted
10 Wander
11 Spouse
12 Ran fast
14 Inferior; secondary
19 Marine mammals
22 Holbrook or Linden
25 Thailand, once
27 Punctuation mark
28 Steve or Tim
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30 Sure to happen
31 Desert transport
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34 Ms. West
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38 Grand; luxurious
39 Female animal
41 Clasps
42 Group of 100
44 Entertains
45 "Peter __"
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48 Up to the task
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